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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 17, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 15, 16 and 22 as follows:

15. (Twice Amended) A master information carrier used for recording information signals on a magnetic recording medium, comprising a non-magnetic substrate; a pattern of a ferromagnetic film which is disposed on the surface of the non-magnetic substrate, the pattern being disposed in the track length direction so as to correspond to an arrangement of the information signals; and a non-magnetic solid material filled in portions between respective neighboring ferromagnetic film areas composing the pattern, top surfaces of the ferromagnetic films and the non-magnetic solid material forming a substantially flat surface,

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